

Welfare Reform and Social Indicators - Kings County

	Kings County	New York State
Population		
Number of Persons, 2000 Census	2,465,326	18,976,457
Percent change in population since 1990 Census	7.2%	5.5%
Poverty (Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)		
Number of Persons in Poverty: 1997	605,959	2,814,460
Poverty Rate: 1997	26.5%	15.6%
Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995-1997	-59,721	-31,753
Percent Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	-9.0%	-1.1%
Child Poverty (Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)		
Number of Children in Poverty: 1997	169,548	765,578
Child Poverty Rate: 1997	37.9%	23.8%
Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	-25,530	1,177
Percent Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	-13.1%	0.2%
Income and Poverty Data for 2000 (Census 2000 Supplemental Survey*)		
Poverty rate: Persons	20.3%	13.5%
Poverty rate: Families	18.9%	11.1%
Poverty rate: Children	27.9%	19.2%
Number of families with children with income below poverty in the past 12 months	51,754	393,977
Households with cash public assistance	69,378	293,396
Households with food stamp benefits	117,938	552,506
Median Annual Household Income	\$35,201	\$43,602
Economic Indicators		
Unemployment Rate: October 2001	6.9%	4.8%
Change in Resident Employment: December 1995 to October 2001	71,817	482,830
Percent Change in Resident Employment: December 1995 to October 2001	8.7%	6.0%
Median Annual Household Income: 1997	\$26,108	\$36,369
Annual Federal Poverty Guideline for a three-person family: 2001	\$14,630	
Annual Self-Sufficiency Standard for a single parent with two children: 2000	\$34,320	

* Data from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey is not directly comparable with the 1995 and 1997 Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.